THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government has reports of secret talks between the LTTE and some members of the Sri Lankan Government. However, the President of Sri Lanka has not himself participated in such talks; and

(b) and (c) The Government of Sri Lanka has assured Government that it is committed to the full implementation of the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement. Any arrangements reached against the spirit of the Agreement will be rejected by both Governments.

Nuclear powered submarine from Soviet Union

1084. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has leased a nuclear powered submarine from Soviet Union recently;

(b) if so, what are the terms of lease;

(c) whether Government propose to acquire more nuclear powered submarines for Navy; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose these details.

Issue of duplicate passport to Win Chadha

1085. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Consulate General in San Francisco (US) issued a duplicate passport to Win Chadha on or about June 8, 1987;

(b) what formalities are required to be fulfilled to obtain a duplicate passport and how much time does it normally take to get a duplicate passport in US;

(c) when and where did Win Chadha apply for a Duplicate passport and how did he fulfil all the formalities; and

(d) whether Government were in search of Win Chadha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On receipt of an application for a passport in lieu of a lost one, together with necessary supporing documentation like police report, the Mission seeks verification from the original Passport issuing authority. However, the Mission has the discretion to waive this requirement for travelling businessmen, etc. and to issue them a short validity passport.

Shri Chadha applied on 8th June 1987 to the Consulate General of India, San Francisco on which date the Consulate General did not have any official instructions concerning Shri Chadha.

Visit of Indian film stars to Pakistan

1086. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent visit of Indian Film Stars Dilip Kumar, Saira Banu, Manoj Kumar and others to Pakistan;

(b) what was the purpose of their visit and whether they made any representation to lift the ban on Indian Films in Pakistan;

(c) whether Indian Film Stars have participated in any cultural and fund raising programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is a suggestion by them that travel formalities be made easier for the people of the two countries to visit each other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are aware of the visits of Indian film stars to Pakistan in the recent past.

(b) According to information available with Government, these film stars were on private visits to Pakistan. Government are not aware of any formal representation having been made by them to the Pakistani authorities to lift the ban on the import of Indian films into Pakistan.

(c) Shri Dilip Kumar is reported to have participated in some fund-raising activities in Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Karachi.

(d) Shri Dilip Kumar reportedly made this suggestion in a speech on the 8th April, 1988.

Prime Minister's visit to China

1087. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goernment's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'The Times of India' dated the 13th April, 1988 to the effect that the Prime Minister is expected to visit China later this year and the reported views of the Chinese leader Mr. Ziyang that the border problem between India and China could be resolved in the light of the four principles, namely, respect for history, regard to the national sentiments of the Indian and the Chinese peoples, maintaining the *status quo* and mutual understanding and mutual co-operation;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Chinese proposals on the issue of India-China border and the reaction of Government to the reported views expressed by the Chinese leader; and

(c) whether the Prime Minister has accepted the invitation to visit China, if so, the expected date of his visit and the details of the issues to be discussed with the Chinese leader?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the The Times of India report dated 13.4.1988.

(b) The specific details of any so-called "proposal" by China on the boundary question remain to be defined or clarified. The reaction of Government would depend upon such clarification.

(c) Prime Minister has accepted the invitation in principle. No details have been finalised as yet.

Vacant post in the department of Electronics

1088. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Department of Electronics during the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and